

SUPREME ON THE TURF

Thoroughbred Henry of Navarre and Trotter Alix on Top.

NAVAREE'S VICTORIOUS CAREER

How He Humbled Domino and Clifford. Alix Was Bought For \$200, Has Won \$35,000 and Is Worth at Least \$40,000. Alix and Lady Suffolk Compared.

The turf campaign of 1894 closes with Henry of Navarre king of thoroughbreds, Alix queen of all trotters, and Robert J. King of pacers and king of all harness horses. Henry of Navarre won his title by his recent defeat of the western crack, Clifford, and Domino, the greatest



thoroughbred on the turf last season. Twenty thousand people saw these three horses, the best of the year, meet in their great special race. Clifford had once beaten Navarre, and Domino and Navarre had run one of the most exciting dead heats in the turf's history, but it was Domino's off day when he faced his two great rivals, and Navarre won from Clifford by nearly a length. For the first time in his career Domino proved a quitter. Henry of Navarre is a 3-year-old chestnut colt and is owned by Byron McClelland, the well known Kentucky turfman. Early in the season he displayed rare form, and when the Brooklyn Handicap was run, May 16, Navarre, carrying 100 pounds, was one of the popular favorites, despite the fact that he was only a 3-year-old and was pitted against such cracks as Clifford, Sir Walter and Dr. Rice. Navarre did not win the Handicap, but he had no difficulty in beating Sir Walter for the place, and Clifford was lost in the rack. From that time to the present he has steadily increased his reputation. His dead heat with Domino, his defeat of Banquet and his defeat by Clifford all attracted wide attention, and his victory over Domino and Clifford stamps him the peerless thoroughbred of the year.

Henry of Navarre is not a royally bred race horse. Knight of Ellerslie and Moses Rose, his sire and dam respectively, have not displayed by previous progeny their claim to places on the scroll of fame, but they will not be thus neglected in the future. Navarre was foaled at the Silver Brook farm of Lucian V. Appleby, at Shrewsbury, N. J., and was sold to Byron McClelland as a colt. In his 3-year-old form he was not considered in the class of such wonderful broadwinners as Domino, Senator Grady and Dobbins, but this year he began to show his true form. Alix, 2:08 3/4, the new queen of the trotting turf, is not an accident, but the result of scientific breeding. The best trotting blood in the world, including that of Mambrino Chief and Hambletonian, runs in her veins. She was bred in Iowa six years ago and is by Patronage-Atlanta. She was sold as a yearling for \$800 to Morris Jones of David City, Neb., who is still her principal owner. She is a beautiful piece of trotting mechanism and as sound and free from blemishes as a new gold eagle. Her trotting weight is 875 pounds. She carries and endures a superfluous flesh and is the picture of an equine athlete from forelock to hoof. One peculiarity about her build is the fact that she is a hand longer than she is tall. Turfmen hold that the symmetrical trotter should be of the same dimensions in height, length and girth, but Alix does not conform to this standard. She is 60 inches tall, 64 inches long and 68 inches in girth.

The secret of her unusual speed may be read in her strong, muscular, perfect legs, her depth of shoulder and heart action, her perfect muscular development throughout and the intelligence and courage that flash from her dark eyes. Another factor that sets her apart is her enormous stride, which is nearly 29 feet, when she is stepping a mile in fast time. Although she has borne the brunt of many a hard campaign, she is kind and gentle and never ill tempered. She is always gracious to visitors who call to do her honor and has a particularly large place in her heart for women and children. Her owner's investment of \$800 has proved an excellent one. She has earned about \$35,000 during her turf career, and if ex-Queen Nancy Hanks was worth \$40,



HENRY OF NAVAREE, KING OF THOROUGHBREDS.

000 Alix must be valued at the same figure. Unlike many famous trotters, Alix's nerves are under such excellent control that she does not seem to possess any. An interesting study of the trotter of the past and the trotter of the present is furnished by a comparison between Lady Suffolk, the queen of 45 years ago, and Alix, the queen of 1894. As a yearling Lady Suffolk, who received her name from Suffolk county, N. Y., where she was foaled, was sold for \$50. During her career on the turf she won over \$25,000 in stakes and purses. At 4 years old she was thought so little that she changed hands

for \$112.50. She trotted her first race for the magnificent sum of \$11 and did the trick in three minutes. During her career she trotted in 188 races, a large percentage of which were two, three and even four mile heats to saddle, and won 88 of them. Her best mile in harness was 2:39 1/4 and to saddle 2:26.

Alix has won as much in her turf career of five years as Lady Suffolk did in 18. Alix made a world's record of 2:03 3/4 as a 5-year-old, while Lady Suffolk was 16 before she trotted in 2:39 1/4. Alix was aided by the best of tracks and a bicycle sulky that is considered good for five seconds to the mile, while Lady Suffolk pulled a sulky of primitive construction on tracks that were very slow when compared with the tracks of today. Alix trotted in 2:30 as a 2-year-old, and Lady Suffolk was a veteran of 16 before she entered the charmed list. Alix's distance has always been one mile, but Lady Suffolk trotted about as many two, three, four and five mile heats in competition as she did mile heats.

The trotting queen of today is 2 1/2 seconds faster than the queen of 45 years ago apparently, but one naturally wonders what Lady Suffolk's mark for a mile would be could she draw a light pneumatic-tired sulky and go against time on a modern track. No one imagines that she could get anywhere near the 2:03 3/4 Alix, but it would be interesting to know how Alix's time for a four mile heat would compare with the mark of 11 minutes 15 seconds made by Lady Suffolk in her race with Bonaparte in 1840.

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A POPULAR SINGER.

M. Pol Plancon, Who Is Said to Be the Handsomest Actor Living.

If a vote were to be taken to determine who is the handsomest man on the stage today, the ballots of the fair sex of New York city would be cast almost as a unit for Pol Plancon, the popular bass of Abbey & Grau's Metropolitan Opera company. M. Plancon is said to receive \$600 a night in exchange for the temporary exercise of his voice and his histrionic abilities. Plancon is very modest and when asked recently in New York to say something about his professional career he said that he had sung in the grand opera in Paris for ten years, during which time he had sung every bass role in the grand opera repertory, with the single exception of Bertram in "Robert le Diable."

"I sang Mephisto 100 times, singing it with every prima donna who appeared at the grand opera during those ten years, from Crouse to Melba. It is my favorite role, that and the Cardinal in 'La Juive.' I created there the character of Francois Freimier in 'Saint-Saens' 'Ascanio' and two other characters."

"I have sung for three seasons in Covent Garden, London, and am re-engaged for this next season there. In America I have sung, outside of New York, only in Philadelphia in 'Faust,' 'Lohengrin' and 'Philonen.' M. Plancon's success in New York as a concert singer has equaled his success in operatic roles, and this part of his work has interested him very much. He is honestly convinced that his New York audiences, whether they comprise a roomful of people at a reception or a hallful at a public concert, perfectly understand his French songs. "What have you found to be the favorite concert song with your audiences here?" he was asked. "Oh, Schumann's 'Two Grenadiers,'" he answered promptly. Plancon is a strapping big fellow, standing 6 feet 9 inches in his stockings. He weighs about 230 pounds and is magnificently proportioned. He does not believe in athletics, but in spite of that is as strong as a giant. His voice is the best basso in the world, excepting only Edouard de Reszke, and he is also a magnificent actor of the French school.

GREENROOM GOSSIP.

A great many of the mediocre shows on the road are "coming in" very suddenly this season. The Bostonians will open their engagement in New York next month with Nelson & Herbert's opera, "Prince Ananias," instead of with Dazey & Wells' "In Mexico," as originally announced. Francis Wilson is said to have contracts with librettists and composers for three new operas.

The latest rumor about Adelina Patti's wealth puts it at \$3,000,000, which would make her the richest professional in the world. Bernhardt is said to be worth less than \$100,000. The author of a certain successful melodrama now being played by several companies receives more than \$1,000 a week in royalties. Clay Loftis and her husband, Justin McCarthy, Jr., have arrived in New York. Both were brought over by Augustin Daly. While Ada Behan has met with considerable success as a star, she shines dimly from the box office standpoint as compared with John Drew, who has the sign "House Full" out in front of the Empire theater, New York, nearly every night. It is said that Della Fox's next opera will be an original work, the book by Clay M. Greene and the score by W. W. Furst. Eugene Cowles, America's only very great basso, is said to contemplate a starring tour next year. There is, however, no truth in the rumor that he and Jessie Bartlett Davis will be co-stars.

THE LISTENER.

Abram S. Hewitt is a confirmed dyspeptic.

George Gould's expenses this season for the Atlanta and Vigant are estimated at nearly \$400,000.

Two prominent lawyers of New York, Judge Fitzgerald and John W. Goff, began life as porters in a dry goods store.

Lord Arthur Hill has the reputation of being the best dressed man in the home of enormous, which is saying a good deal.

Commander in Chief Yamagata of Japan is of very humble origin, his father having been of the Ashigara caste, the lowest of the Samurai castes.

Lord Scully of Ireland owns 90,000 acres of farming land in Illinois, which he rents out in small parcels to tenant farmers and pockets his annual \$200,000 in rents to spend abroad.

When the present congress expires, Senator Coke of Texas will retire for good, having completed three terms of service. He lives in Waco, where in 1850 he first hung up his attorney's sign.

The Chinese minister, Yang Yu, is so anxious to avoid diplomatic errors that he insists upon having every word of each state document thoroughly defined before he will append his signature.

Thomas Foster, who has been sentenced at London to three years' penal servitude for a number of petty frauds, was the originator of the "missing word" craze. He has been living on his wits for years.

John Jacob Astor recently purchased two pieces of property adjoining his home in New York for \$160,000. The houses on them, very handsomely brownstone ones, are to be torn down to make a tennis court.

Someone told Pashman, the distinguished but eccentric little Russian pianist, that he was generally supposed to be of Hebrew descent. "Non!" said he. "My father was a Cantor at Odessa, but my mother was a Turkey. I am a pianist."

Assistant Chief Langford of the Fall River fire department, made his first entry in a big match. Yet it was only a few days ago that he put on 181 runs against the professionals, making the ninety-ninth time when he has passed the three figure mark.

Lord Burton of Bass' ale fame lives at Glen Quich, but he is kept informed of everything that goes on at Burton by a private wire laid from the lodge to the brewery. His lordship never retires to rest without receiving an assurance from Burton that "all is well."

Fred May, who was at one time the subject of considerable talk in the New York newspapers, is quite often seen in the up town hotel where he is now a resident of Washington. He is a fine looking man, tall, broad shouldered and well put together. He is polished in manner, faultless in dress and looks to be on the sunny side of 40.

ROYAL ROBES.

Frederick the Great left over 100 songs of his own composition.

The Grand Duke Paul of Russia is one of the few living royal giants. He is 7 feet 9 inches in height.

Queen Victoria always uses powdered cinnamon on melons, and the same favorite spice is used in flavoring most of her sweets.

Pope Leo is 85 years old and thin and fragile physically, but his activity of mind and eagerness for work seem rather to increase than diminish.

The emperor of Japan, Mutsu Hito, is 42 years old. He was married in 1869 to the Empress Haruko, who is 25, and his son and heir, Prince Yoshi Hito, was born Aug. 31, 1879.

King Humbert is a royal sportsman of unusual skill with the rifle. He went out on his hunting lodge at Valle dell'Orco one day recently and killed 18 wild geese and 39 chamois.

Christa is the pet name of the queen regent of Spain, a lady who has won the respect of the civilized world for the persistence and high mindedness with which she has performed the duties of her position.

The daughters of the czar receive annually 25,000 rubles till they are of age; thereupon, until marriage, 50,000. The princes receive 23,000 till of age, then 150,000, besides a gift of 1,000,000 rubles and at their marriage another gift of 200,000.

HOW TO DO DRY CLEANING.

A Good Deal of Money Can Often Be Saved by Home Work.

Dry cleaning is for the most part no drier than the immersion in a tub of liquid will permit. The soap the cleaner uses is made of palm oil. If the article to be cleaned cannot be put in water, it is dipped in a vat of benzine. Which is used depends upon the material, a piece of which is experimented with beforehand. Other garments not too complex are laid on a marble slab and scrubbed with palm oil soap. Many garments restored to natural color in laundries, supposedly by cleaning, are in reality dyed over. The dye is dissolved in a tub of water and the garment floated in and left to stand awhile.

Wool and silk garments in all fast colors, such as brown, blue, etc., and black are washed in soap bark, which takes out all the grease and seems to give a new body to the material. Soap bark restores black, however rusty or green. The secret of its use is to have it very strong. The laundries put two table-spoonsful in nearly two quarts of water and boil it down to one quart, which they put in a bucket and add warm water. Sometimes in a bad case this strength is doubled.

If there is only one grease spot to be taken out, the part is covered with prepared chalk and laid between flannels with a warm iron on it. For rust spots the spot with salt and lemon juice poured through it, and after that warm water. This only applies to cotton.

Lace is washed in borax, soap and water, stiffened, if desired, with borax and pinned between flannels and pressed. Flannels are washed in borax, soap and tepid water and pulled the way of the warp and of the weft four or five times while drying.

It is easy enough to wash a madcap dress. The trouble is to iron it. The dyeing establishments are supplied with irons of endless variety, of all sizes and shape, down to the most minute. The problem is to iron a garment so that the ironing will not be suspected, and naturally this requires skill and care.

How to Play a Neat Trick.

Place a reel of white cotton in the inside pocket of your coat, and then, having threaded a needle with the beginning of the cotton, pass the needle through the front of the coat. Unthread the needle and leave about two inches of the cotton hanging, as if it were only a stray piece. The first person you meet will be sure to pick it off, and his astonishment, when he finds there is no end to it, will give plenty of innocent amusement.

How to Care For Eyelashes.

The first step toward obtaining fine lashes is to cure any trouble you may have with your eyes. The tendency to rub the eyes invariably results in thinning the lashes. Inflamed eyelids always bring about thin, short lashes. If the lids are inclined to be inflamed, a wash of 2 or 3 drops of camphor, a teaspoonful of borax and 2 ounces of water is valuable. A mixture of 2 parts water to 1 of witch hazel, allowed to simmer and applied very nearly hot, is also soothing to inflamed eyelids. When these washes are being used to strengthen the eyes, the lashes may be rubbed every night with some greasy ointment to encourage their growth. Vaseline is probably the best thing to stimulate the growth and give a good dark color to the eyebrows and eyelashes.

How to Get Rid of the Housefly.

Bunches of sassafras hung in the kitchen windows will keep them away, or brushing the window casings over with oil of sassafras will have the same effect. Open the windows of the infested room, close the door and place a hot saucupar or frying pan in the middle of the room; pour in a cupful of carbolic acid; after a minute close the windows and leave the pan in for an hour or two before ventilating. Screens are good, though they keep out some air. The screen must be dusted and have a weekly brushing with a whisk broom on both sides.

Particular.

Bingo—This dog is too big. I want one to go with my youngest boy.

Dog Fancier—What has the dog's size got to do with it?

Bingo—I want a dog with short pants.

Clothier and Furnisher.

Recalling One.

Cleverton—Say, did you ever hear of a \$4 bill?

Dashaway—Certainly. I had one presented to me the last time you invited me to lunch.—New York World.

A Good Name.

Mr. Kidd—That young man has a good name, hasn't he?

Mrs. K.—I should think so. All the girls seem to be after it.—Detroit Free Press.

FLOWER AND TREE.

Tea plants need a moist heat for growth. Some ash trees in Mexico have leaves 10 inches long and as many inches broad.

The botanical name of the common daisy is chrysanthemum leucanthemum.

No worm or insect is ever found upon the eucalyptus tree or in the earth penetrated by its roots.

Don't let water touch your begonia leaves while the sun is on them. If you do, they will either spot or decay entirely.

Flowers may be kept fresh overnight if they are excluded from the air. To do this wet them thoroughly, put in a damp box and cover with wet raw cotton or wet newspaper. Then place in a cool spot.

A remarkable instance of the distance roots of trees will go to moisture was shown at Caldwell, Kan., when a 65 foot well was cleaned out. A cottonwood tree stood 35 feet from the well, and at the bottom of it were found numerous roots of the tree.

POWDER AND BALL.

The French army prefers Irish homes for its cavalry.

The armies of Europe, when on a war footing, would number 2,226,000 men.

The largest warships in the world are the Italia and the Lepanto of the Italian navy.

In the army of Alexander the Great the order was so close that soldiers in the interior files could not turn.

One of the new rifles used by the Italian soldiers sends a ball with force enough to go through five inches of solid oak at a distance of 4,000 feet.

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